

Pack 77 Parent Planning Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2008  
6:30 p.m. Meadowbrook Library

Attending: Jennifer Arnold, Deb Hansen, Dave Muffler, Jim Winfree, Lorenzo Majewski, Pete Joda, Brian Birschbach, Mike Tracy, Ron Schmirler and Julie Aquavia.

1. Pledge of allegiance, Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack

*Items 2 and 3 from agenda were reversed upon Julie's request.*

3. Den leadership - Bear report, New Tiger leaders

Introduction of Lorenzo Majewski to leaders and leaders to Lorenzo. Lorenzo is Tiger Den 1 Leader, he will be assisted by Duane Budelier and Shannon Majewski. Jacalyn may also assist if the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 are not available. Mentioned by Committe Chair that Mrs. Budelier may need to file an adult application, if they think that may be a real possibility.

Dave Muffler is leader of other Tiger Den. He has not heard from Rob Bingenheimer, but we do have adult application. Dave will take application to get last signature needed on application from Rob.

Update Bear Den. Mr. Schmirler will be the den leader with Mr. Arnold with Mr. Tracy remaining as the assistant den leader. Mrs. Arnold came to the meeting in Mr. Arnold's place.

3. Treasurer's report.

Account balance is \$2,080.70. Nothing had been spent from June 3 until mid September. Since then \$961.81 has been spent, some of which pays for last year activities (pinewood derby school rental) and some for t-shirts that will be reimbursed by webelo parents. There is still an outstanding amount either owed to the Mufflers or owed by the Mufflers for pack t-shirts.

4. September Pack meeting review

Main concern as usual is the late start and keeping within our goal of ending on time. Need to stick with planned agenda as much as possible. Kids thought games were fun.

5. Trail Trekker Hike review

We had 42-44 people attending. Good turn out of Webelos 1 and 2s and tigers, no levels in between. Great weather and Mr. Joda did nice job of teaching some rudimentary compass work and testing the webelos on the hike about the compass.

6. October Pack Meeting Agenda review - Adventures in Books costume party

Assistant Cub Master Pete Joda will be leading the meeting at Cubmaster Kathryn Taylor's request. Draft agenda has been sketched out, but Pete & Julie forgot to bring along. Meeting will include costume parade as last year, a "skelton scramble" and a scarecrow relay. Leaders are encouraged to dress up too and perhaps invite to parents. Pete will prepare additional, more detailed agenda for meeting. Jim Winfree will assist with song - Webelos 2 from Swamp Fox. He has words and will distribute/prepare. All scouts who attended Swamp Fox will also help lead song. Webelos 1 will lead flag ceremony. \*Gathering activity see item 15.

7. November Pack Meeting (11/18) Agenda - ideas Seeds of Kindness - visit to Waukesha Springs

This activity was discussed as previously we had thought of Oct meeting to visit the nursing home. Goal is to have an activity/gift for scouts to do in den meetings before hand to deliver/share at the pack meeting. Discussion about number of scouts who will be ready for Bobcat ceremony - could be quite a few with Tiger dens, and new scouts at other levels. Jim Winfree has some Webelo 2 awards also and Swamp Fox patches. Discussion regarding Archery & BB gun belt loops for those who attended either IMR or Swamp Fox or both. Agreement is that boys earned them, especially as the Swamp Fox instructor indicated they had done so. This lead to discussion of Webelo Jamboee attendees or Webelo Wednesday at Long Lake having earned the same. We may have many additional awards with these belt loops and with Muskego Trail Trekker also.

8. Duty Roster

We have not completed a duty roster for the year. Question was asked whether people would like to sign up for certain meetings or continue on the rotation schedule that we have used with highest rank taking more difficult items earlier in year so that younger levels have time to prepare. Items needed are set up, greeter, opening, song, skit, closing & clean up. Most seemed to agree that rotating through was fine and to go ahead and assign those duties. Pete Joda said the these items are really the easiest parts of the Pack meeting and filler, which don't need a lot of preparation and that perhaps we really needed a duty roster for planning the main event for each pack meeting. Too much of the planning is falling on a few shoulders. Julie was hoping to relieve den leaders of too much responsibility for Pack meetings, but agrees help is needed. No decision was reached. Did agree that need to have the flag ceremony for our Pack put in writing so that we have consistency from meeting to meeting and that younger dens get same information. Pete Joda said he would do so.

9. Popcorn Sales update -

Popcorn sales at store locations seem to be going well. We have sales still at Pick n Save Sat & Sun (10/11 & 10/12), Sentry (10/12) and Sam's club (10/12). Sales time slots are mostly filled. Needed table captain for Saturday Pick n Save. Jim Winfree volunteered. Pete directed some inventory changes as table captains were for different locations & dates then originally planned. Thanks to all those who stepped up to run stores locations.

## Popcorn prize discussion

Julie indicated that no further progress had been made since the last meeting and that the draft information prepared for September meeting had not been distributed as promised.

### 10. Waukesha Christmas parade - Nov. 23

Discussion was had as to whether we should participate. Some leaders indicated they were not interested or not available, but that we should offer it for the scouts. Lorenzo said that he was volunteering his garage as he and Greg Sompni had prepared a lot of the float infrastructure last year. We will try to work with the Meadowbrook Girl Scouts again as they made a lot of contributions to the float last year.

### 11. Pick Date for Friends of Scouting presentation

Question was asked whether the blue and gold activity in February would be an acceptable date for the FOS presentation. If we return rsvp sheet by 11/15 we will be entered in a drawing for 1 of 4 pizza parties. Agreement was that Feb meeting was fine. Julie will complete application.

### 12. Pow Wow Rendezvous Nov. 15, 2008

Julie presented information sheet about the Pow Wow. The Pack will pay for registration of leaders who attend. Sign up individually.

### 13. Review T-shirt purchase/distribution

Dave Muffler placed an order for additional shirts last week to cover new scouts and the few scouts whose shirts were too small and 1 for Mike Tracy. He expects them to be in by next Pack meeting. Didn't get best price break, because of smaller order.

### 14. Next Roundtable Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - Butler Middle School

Julie reminded leaders of next meeting. Theme should be Holiday Lights for December planning.

### 15. PTA Sunshine committee - table cloth decoration

Pete received call from Neeta Desai regarding an offer for the scouts to decorate the table cloth for the teachers' dinner that the PTA puts together for conference nights so that the teachers have time to eat. Discussion was had regarding what we needed to do, what supplies we might need. Probably do a hand turkey type theme with thanks to teachers. Will use as part of gathering activity for October Pack meeting.\* Jennifer Arnold to ask Neeta about the "cloth" itself - will PTA supply or do we need to supply and what size.

16. Service Project - Condella's coats for kids

Kathryn had asked that this possibility be discussed at meeting. We have barrels to do collection. Deb said that actually this project is already well under way and that there is not much time left in the coat drive. It appears we have missed the window for doing this particular project. Jennifer Arnold suggested that we could still do a drive for the Women's Shelter which can always use different types of items. Julie said there was also the Clothes for Kids program sponsored by the *Freeman* that collects gently used kids clothing and allows people to 'shop' for items they need. Their recent ad indicated they needed coats and winter items for kids. Ron asked about whether we were going to do the butterfly garden. Jennifer said she still needed to talk to Janet Barthel, but yes we will probably do that and quite possibly on the earlier release day in Nov as last year. Julie said we still need some other service projects other than the butterfly garden and scouting for food. She passed along Kathryn's belief that we need to also find some projects that benefit the school. No decision was made to take up another project at this time and no one volunteered to pursue options.

17. Next Pack Planning meeting Nov.4th

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 pm.

Minutes prepared by J. Aquavia